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State of Montana Office of the Governor



Executive Order No. 12-96

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN MONTANA

WHEREAS, unseasonably warm temperatures are producing a rapid snowmelt in the higher elevations of the State; and

WHEREAS, deep snowpack remains above the six thousand foot level in the western and southern mountains; and

WHEREAS, flood warnings are forecast to continue for the major river drainages in the State; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions are committing all available resources, taking all possible actions to respond, mitigate and alleviate the situation; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary state government services, equipment and supplies under this proclamation will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of an emergency or disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend

funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that an emergency exists within the State of Montana.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this <u>io</u> day of June, 1996.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST: Concer MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State